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SUBJECT: CANADA APPRECIATES COUNTER-PROLIFERATION FEEDBACK,
PROMISES NEW POLICY IN THE FALL

REF: A. STATE 44713

¶B. OTTAWA 268

Classified By: PolMinCouns Scott Bellard, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶11. (C) Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Senior Policy Officer Che van Haastrecht expressed appreciation on June 2 for ref a, noting that it had "significantly influenced" the interagency effort underway to reinvigorate Canada's counter-proliferation regime. In part due to need to take time to reflect on the comprehensive U.S. response to the dozens of detailed questions posed in ref b, he said, the Canadian interagency had sought and received approval from the Privy Council Office to postpone from June to this autumn the delivery of its final report and draft legislation to Cabinet (septel).

¶12. (C) Comment: While it is too early to declare victory, ref a contents appear to be playing a helpful role in shaping future Canadian counter-proliferation policy and practice. This should lead to even greater bilateral policy harmonization and practical cooperation on shared counter-proliferation priorities. Many thanks to ISN/CPI for its excellent work in the face of what had seemed an impossibly short deadline. However, please note that the possibility of another autumn federal election (as in 2008) could hamper the Cabinet approval process again. End comment.

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